

REAs have expertise in specific areas such as:

- Environmental Site Assessment
- Air Emissions Assessment, Prevention, Monitoring and Control
- Emergency Preparedness and Response
- Surface and Groundwater Contamination Assessment, Prevention, Monitoring and Control
- Generator Waste Disposal, Recycling, Reduction, Storage, and Treatment
- Occupational Health and Safety Reviews
- Risk Assessment and Risk Reduction Recommendations
- Soil Contamination Assessment, Prevention, Monitoring and Control
- Underground Tank Checks and Removal
- Other Areas of Expertise Relating to Hazardous Substances and/or Hazardous Waste Management

Five-Year Renewal

Each REA is required to obtain a renewal of registration every five years. This allows REA Program staff to ensure that every registrant continues to meet the legislatively mandated registration requirements.



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Registration Benefits

State Recognition/Support/Outreach
Professional Identification
Increased Visibility
Enhanced Marketability
Inclusion in the Directory
Certificate of Registration
REA Newsletter
Legislation Updates and Support

For an application, contact the REA program staff at the number below, or download at the REA web site.

REA Hotline
916-255-4699

Or visit

www.dtsc.ca.gov/rea/

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The Registered Environmental Assessor II

REGISTRATION BASICS



California
Environmental
Protection Agency



Department of
Toxic Substances
Control

The REA II Program

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) registers environmental professionals to perform assessment and mitigation activities at contaminated sites. REA II is the second level of registration, and requires that registrants possess greater experience in the investigation, assessment and mitigation of hazardous waste and hazardous substance release sites than is required for REA I registration.

REA II registration offers an environmental professional the capability to illustrate to potential clients that they possess the highest level of environmental management experience and expertise recognized by the State.

DTSC works to increase the visibility of REA IIs through outreach efforts, including making the list of REA IIs available on the DTSC web site. DTSC provides listings of REA II registrants to individuals seeking environmental consultants, and works with business associations to inform their membership of REA II availability.

Currently, specific legislation specifies that REA II registrants can perform certain environmental assessment, investigation, and remediation activities. DTSC reviews all pending environmental legislation to ensure that REA II registrants are included as qualified site workers.

REA II Application Requirements

In general, an applicant must have substantial experience exercising a broad range of responsibilities as an active participant and principal decision-maker conducting or coordinating assessments, containments or removal activities at hazardous substance or waste release sites.

REA II registration requirements are:

- A Bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited school in a physical or biological science, engineering, or a related field.
- Eight years of professional-level environmental experience acquired within the past 10 years.
- Four years of professional-level site mitigation experience acquired within the last six years.
- Four professional references vouching to the applicant's environmental management abilities, **including** one from a lead regulatory agency.
- Submission of detailed descriptions of projects conducted during the past eight years and technical writing samples and correspondence.
- Possession of U.S. citizenship or valid status as a legal resident alien.
- Submission of a \$125 application fee.

Application Review

Staff from DTSC reviews all applications to determine whether the candidate has exercised the required broad range of responsibilities managing or directing multimedia investigations, assessments, and cleanup activities.

The technical writing sample and correspondence are reviewed to determine the applicant's role in evaluating the results of the assessment, containment, or removal action. The document's conclusions, opinions, and recommendations are evaluated to ascertain its scientific support from data obtained or reviewed on the project.

The stakeholders that will utilize and review the work of REA II registrants have been invited to participate in monthly meetings to review and evaluate the applications submitted that month.

Staff from the State Water Resources Control Board, the Integrated Waste Management Board, the Air Resources Board and the Department of Toxic Substances Control participate on an Application Review Committee (ARC) chaired by staff from DTSC. When the evaluation is complete, ARC members vote to recommend acceptance or denial of each application for REA II registration.
